

Rierner is entering retirement. I am proud to recognize and celebrate Ms. Rierner as an exceptional attorney who has provided outstanding legal support to the benefit of our nation's armed forces. Ms. Rierner retires as the Counsel for NAVSUP Weapon Systems Support, where she is widely respected for her accurate, strategic, and creative legal advice. She is recognized and respected as an expert in all areas of federal acquisition, whether it be competitive contracting or performance based logistics contracting. She has demonstrated an extraordinary ability to overcome complex challenges, including those innumerable legal challenges that have arisen because of the COVID-19 pandemic. Ms. Rierner's expert guidance and creative leadership have helped her clients face challenges and overcome adversity. Her dedicated and diligent work has contributed to keeping our fleet mission-ready.

We are incredibly grateful for the positive impact Ms. Rierner has had through her long career of public service, and we wish Ms. Rierner countless blessings during her retirement.

HONORING THE SEMINOLE TRIBE OF FLORIDA FOR NATIONAL NATIVE AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH

HON. DARREN SOTO

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 23, 2021

Mr. SOTO. Madam Speaker, Seminoles have called Florida home for thousands of years. Their ancestors met the Spanish when they touched down on Florida's shores in 1510 and created a refuge for those who sought to escape slavery and oppression. In 1830, when President Andrew Jackson broke the treaties he signed with native peoples and ordered those east of the Mississippi River be "removed" west, the Seminoles resisted and fought for their freedom alongside their neighbors. They kept their ways and traditions alive in the Everglades of Florida, where they remain free and unconquered to this day.

Facing the threat of the termination of services and Federal assistance in the 1950's the Seminole Tribe of Florida organized to develop a constitution, advanced through meetings under the old Council Oak Tree on the Hollywood Reservation. Federal recognition in 1957 reinforced the inherent sovereignty and necessitated a new form of self-governance for the newly organized Tribe. As more outsiders came to Florida, the Tribe adapted and developed new economic opportunities, including tourism enterprises and cattle operations.

Today, the Tribe counts over 4,000 members. They are a sovereign government, with their own schools, police, and courts. Members continue their traditions of sewing, patchwork, chickee building, and alligator wrestling but the Seminole Tribe also adapted to a changing world. Today, they run one of the largest cattle operations in the United States and own the Hard Rock Hotel & Casinos, an international business with locations in 74 countries.

The Seminole Tribe also gives back to its community and is actively helping to protect the Everglades they call home. The Seminole Tribe has been actively involved in the Ever-

glades restoration effort since its inception and has contributed significant resources to ensure that the overall restoration effort is successful, while protecting its sovereignty and unique way of life. For all this and more, we honor The Seminole Tribe of Florida for National Native American Heritage Month.

RECOGNIZING DU QUOIN HIGH SCHOOL'S FAMILY CAREER AND COMMUNITY LEADERS OF AMERICA (FCCLA) CLUB

HON. MIKE BOST

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 23, 2021

Mr. BOST. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Du Quoin High School's Family Career and Community Leaders of America (FCCLA) club for their generosity on World Kindness Day. After a good fundraising year, the students used their leftover club funds to purchase gift cards to distribute to community members outside their local grocery store. This act of kindness helped ensure that several local families were able to put food on the dinner table that evening. World Kindness Day is a wonderful opportunity to take a moment to give back to our communities. It serves as a reminder that even a gesture as simple as a smile or a helping hand can make someone's day. I am proud of each member and leader of Du Quoin High School's Family Career and Community Leaders of America club for their hard work and generosity during a time when many are struggling to make ends meet. On behalf of southern Illinois, thank you for giving back to our Du Quoin community.

IN MEMORY OF THE HONORABLE LARRY HOPKINS

HON. ANDY BARR

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 23, 2021

Mr. BARR. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of a true American patriot, former Congressman Larry Hopkins, who served in this body from 1979-1993 and passed away on November 15. Throughout his extraordinary career in public service, Larry served in the Kentucky State legislature and for over a decade in Congress in the seat I now hold. Larry's career in public service began as a U.S. Marine in 1954. It was that love for the military that Larry would bring with him to Congress, where he rose to become the top Republican on the Armed Services Committee.

Larry's humor was famous with both his constituents and his colleagues—always offering a disarming joke to lighten the mood or evoking a good laugh. Above all, madam Speaker, Congressman Hopkins was proud of his work across the aisle and the relationships he had with all of his colleagues, Republicans and Democrats alike.

In these divided times, let us be inspired by the legacy of Congressman Hopkins to come together and solve the problems of our day, not as Republicans and Democrats, but as Americans who all love our country. On behalf

of a grateful nation, God bless Congressman Larry Hopkins. To my colleagues in the House, join me in praying for his wife, Carolyn, and three children, Shae, Tara, and Josh.

IN MEMORY OF LEO A. HUPPE

HON. CHRIS PAPPAS

OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 23, 2021

Mr. PAPPAS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Leo A. Huppe, a World War II hero and active member of the seacoast community who passed away in late October at the age of 96. Born on February 25, 1925, in Laconia and residing in Rochester for more than 75 years, Leo was a long-time New Hampshire resident and an honorable member of our community. At the time of his passing, Leo was a beloved husband, father, grandfather, great-grandfather, and great-great grandfather.

As a young patriot, Leo went above and beyond the call of duty in his service to his country. Among the many medals, ribbons, and badges he received for his heroic actions throughout World War II in the Asiatic Pacific, Leo was awarded the Silver Star and the World War II Victory Medal, as well as the Asiatic Pacific Theatre Medal and the Philippine Liberation Ribbon.

After his service, Leo worked diligently as a self-employed carpenter before entering a well-deserved retirement in 1987 with his wife, Evelyn, with whom he shared over 75 anniversaries before passing.

On behalf of my constituents in New Hampshire's First Congressional District, I share my condolences to Leo's daughter, four grandchildren, eight great-grandchild, and great-great grandson. As we recognize Mr. Huppe, I ask my colleagues in the House of Representatives to join me in honoring his rich life and legacy.

IN HONOR OF THE RETIREMENT OF FIRE ENGINEER RADOSLAV MARINKOVICH

HON. DEBBIE DINGELL

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 23, 2021

Mrs. DINGELL. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Fire Engineer Radoslav Marinkovich of the Dearborn Fire Department. His honorable years of service to our community is worthy of commendation.

Fire Engineer Marinkovich retired on November 23, 2021, after serving over two decades with the Dearborn Fire Department. He has been a trusted member of the department since July 1998, when he began his career as a Firefighter I. He rose to level of Firefighter II in March 2005. Assigned to Fire Station 3 on Wyoming Avenue, he was promoted to position of Fire Engineer in December 2007.

The recipient of numerous awards, Fire Engineer Marinkovich is an example to his peers. He is a three-time recipient of the Meritorious Company Commendation and a nine-time winner of the Safe Driving Award. He earned the Unit Commendation Award For June 25, 2021, Catastrophic Flooding, and was a part of the